

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 to 20. The rejections are each respectfully traversed. This Amendment "A" cancels claims 13, 14 and 17 to 19, amends claims 1, 15, 16, and 20, and adds new claims 21 to 24. Accordingly, claims 1 to 12, 15, 16, and 20 to 24 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1, 2, 7 to 14, 16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Lorber (US 1,785,320).

Independent claim 13 and dependent claims 14 and 17 to 19 have been cancelled. Independent Claim 1 and claims dependent therefrom are allowable because they each include the limitation of "wherein the brace moves relative to the handle as the brace moves between the first and second positions." Independent Claim 20 and claims dependent therefrom are allowable because they each include the limitation of "wherein the handle is secured to the head to prevent relative movement therebetween as the brace moves between the first and second positions." No prior art of record discloses or reasonably suggests the present invention as now defined by independent claims 1 and 20. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

New claims 21 to 24 have been added to further define the present invention. An indication of allowance of claims 21 to 24 is requested

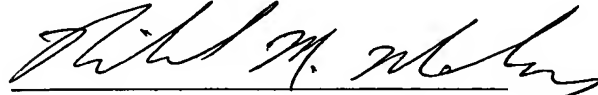
In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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